## **EMPLOYEE TRAINING RECORD**

TRAINING TITLE Hedge Trimmer

## **KEY TEACHING POINTS**

## PRECAUTIONS BEFORE USING A HEDGE TRIMMER

- When buying a trimmer, select one with the cutting teeth and guards close enough together so that fingers can't fit between them.
- Select a trimmer that has two handles, including a wide forward handle high above the cutting blades.
- Select a trimmer that is lightweight and easy to handle.
- Read the owner's manual to familiarize yourself with the machine and its use.
- Check the trimmer carefully for loose screws, bolts, and damaged or broken parts. Replace parts or make necessary repairs before you use the trimmer.
- Sharpen the blades if necessary.
- If not double insulated be sure that you use a three-wire extension cord equipped with a three-prong plug. Be sure the outlet you use is the grounded type. Use an outlet with ground fault protection for maximum safety.
- Be sure that young adults are properly instructed on use of the trimmer and they are physically and mentally mature enough to operate it. Never allow children to use the trimmer.
- Clear the working area of children, pets, and other bystanders.
- Inspect the shrubbery carefully for hidden wires, posts, or other trash.

## **OPERATING THE TRIMMER**

- Always wear long pants, long-sleeved shirt, gloves, eye protection, reflective vest, and ear protection.
- Do not operate the trimmer above chest height.
- If trimming taller shrubbery, stand on a stepladder or other firm support. Avoid the use of unstable support such as chairs or ladders.
- Keep your hands and body away from the blades.
- Keep the cord of electric models away from the trimmer to avoid damaging or cutting it.
- Work slowly and deliberately. Plan your cuts before you make them.
- Take an occasional rest break to avoid fatigue.
- Stop the engine or unplug electric models before cleaning or adjusting.
- Never leave the trimmer unattended, to prevent children playing with it.
- Store the trimmer safely out of the reach of children.

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QUESTION		ANSWERS	
		TRUE	FALSE
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3 Clear the working area of children, pets, and other bystanders.			
4 Always wear long pants, long-sleeved shirt, gloves, eye protection, reflective vest, and ear protection.			
5 Take an occasional rest break to avoid fatigue.			
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SUPERVISOR'S NAME	SUPERVISOR'S SIGNATURE	DATE	